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Kansas Arts Commission Announces the 2007 Governor's Arts Awards Recipients

The Kansas Arts Commission is pleased to announce the 2007 Governor's Arts Awards Recipients.

Governor's Arts Awards winners are the Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey, Shawnee; Alice Joy Lewis, Ottawa; Jean Ney of Kansas City, Kansas; Michael Michaelis, Wichita; Central National Bank, Junction City; singer/songwriter Kelley Hunt, Lawrence; and ceramic artist Elaine Henry, Emporia.

The winners will be honored at an evening dinner and awards ceremony on June 7, 2007, at the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center at Washburn University in Topeka.

In addition, two-time Oscar-nominated actress Shirley Knight, a native of Goessel, Kansas, will be honored with this year's Distinguished Arts Awards.

View the press release by visiting the KAC's website at <http://arts.state.ks.us>.



the Kansas City Friends
of Alvin Ailey



Michael Michaelis



Jean Ney

Join Us For the 7th Annual Arts Day at the Capitol!

Kansas Citizens for the Arts and the Kansas Arts Commission cordially invite you to Arts Day at the Capitol. This annual event unites artists, arts advocates and state dignitaries for a day of celebration. Activities will take place on the first floor of the Capitol in Topeka on Thursday, March 8, 2007, from 7 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

A host of Kansas dignitaries, including Governor Kathleen Sebelius and Kansas Senators and Representatives, are being invited to address the gathering. Arts advocates will also have the opportunity to visit with legislators to advocate for support

for the arts. Informational packets on the Kansas Arts Commission and Kansas Citizens for the Arts will be distributed throughout the morning.

The day culminates with arts activities from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. which include musical performances by adults and children and an art display featuring the work of Kansas high school students. Let's fill the Capitol with the arts!

For more information, contact Kansas Citizens for the Arts at 785/825-2700 or kansasarts@aol.com.



Llewellyn Crain

From The Executive Director

Greetings!

I know I speak for all Kansans when I say that we are honored that Kansas was selected to be the site of the National Symphony Orchestra's next American Residency.

Beginning on March 23, the NSO, led by conductors Leonard Slatkin and Emil de Cou, will bring their more than 100 musicians to Kansas to perform at major venues in Topeka, Wichita, Hays, Lawrence and Pittsburg. The members of the orchestra will also conduct scores of community activities in those areas, reaching thousands of Kansans. But the residency doesn't end there. The Orchestra will then welcome a Kansas music teacher to the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts next summer to work on an

independent project; bring up to six high school music students to attend a summer music institute in the nation's capital; and perform the work of a Kansas composer at a concert at the Kennedy Center.

We thank all the venues and the host cities in Kansas for making this possible, but we especially thank the National Symphony Orchestra, its funders – including the United States Department of Education and the Koch Foundation – for making this possible, and Governor Kathleen Sebelius for championing this project.

Yours,

Llewellyn Crain

Notice

The KAC will be upgrading computer equipment and software in the coming weeks. These upgrades may cause minor e-mail interruptions. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this period of transition.

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Kansas Arts Organization Wins Prestigious National Award

Each issue of the Kansas Arts Commission's newsletter highlights the work of a different organization or artist in Kansas. This issue, we showcase Van Go Mobile Arts, Inc., recipient of the Coming Up Taller Award.

On January 6, 2006, at a White House ceremony, Lawrence-based Van Go Mobile Arts, Inc., received the Coming Up Taller award for its Jobs in the Arts Make Sense program (JAMS). The highly competitive award honors excellence in after-school arts and humanities programs nationwide. A \$10,000 grant accompanies the award.

Van Go Executive Director Lynne Green and 17-year-old JAMS participant Faith Darnell traveled to Washington, D.C., to accept the award given by First Lady Laura Bush.

Darnell has participated in the JAMS program for four years. She has helped paint a library mural and has worked with glass, jewelry and paint.

In an interview with the Lawrence Journal-World, Darnell said that JAMS has helped her develop valuable skills.

"I just grew more as a person. My social skills developed a lot more, and it was just very fun, very nurturing," said Darnell.

Since 1996, Van Go has provided JAMS' youth a place to learn valuable life skills through the arts. Its youth employment programs use art as a tool to build self-confidence as well as teach valuable job-training skills. For more information, visit Van Go's website at www.van-go.org.



Lynne Green and Faith Darnell receive the Coming Up Taller Award at a White House Ceremony on January 6, 2006.

National Symphony Orchestra Announces Residency Schedule

Come see the National Symphony Orchestra perform at these Kansas venues:

- Friday, March 23, 8:00 pm
White Concert Hall, Washburn University, Topeka
- Sunday, March 25, 7:00 pm
Century II Performing Arts Center, Wichita
- Monday, March 26, 7:30 pm
Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center, Hays
- Wednesday, March 28, 7:30 pm
Lied Center of Kansas
- Thursday, March 29, 7:30 pm
Pittsburg Memorial Auditorium

Presenters' contact information is available on the KAC website: <http://arts.state.ks.us> or by calling 785/296-3335.

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KAC Seeks Visual Artist to Create Artistic Awards for the Governor's Arts Awards

The Kansas Arts Commission is soliciting visual artists to design and make artistic awards for recipients of the Governor's Arts Awards. The awards honor distinguished artists, arts organizations and patrons and will be given at a dinner and ceremony on June 7, 2007.

Awards must include the title *Governor's Arts Award*, the name of the category for the award given and the name of the recipient receiving the award. Awards must be identical.

Artists must be at least 18-years-old and not currently enrolled in a college or academic setting. Artists must submit the following:

- 1) Completed application form (Download an application at <http://arts.state.ks.us>)
- 2) Five images of completed artwork within the last 2 years. Images may be submitted

through slides, photographs, or digital format. Images must be marked indicating the top of image, name of artist, medium and size of artwork and date of completion.

- 3) A written proposal describing the final product. The final product must incorporate title, year, category and recipient of the award (refer to KAC website for award information). Also include size of award, medium to be used and cost per award (up to \$200.00 each).

All applications must be mailed with a US postmark or delivered to the Kansas Arts Commission office by March 5, 2007.

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